IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Stephan Grunow, et al. **Docket No.:** TI-35917

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Title: A Stacked Interconnect Structure Between Copper Lines of a

Semiconductor Circuit

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

With respect to the Restriction Requirement mailed on 03/28/2006, the Examiner has restricted the instant application to the invention of Group I (Claims 1-12), or Group II (Claims 13-21). In light of this, Applicants elect to pursue Group I, (Claims 1-12) without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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